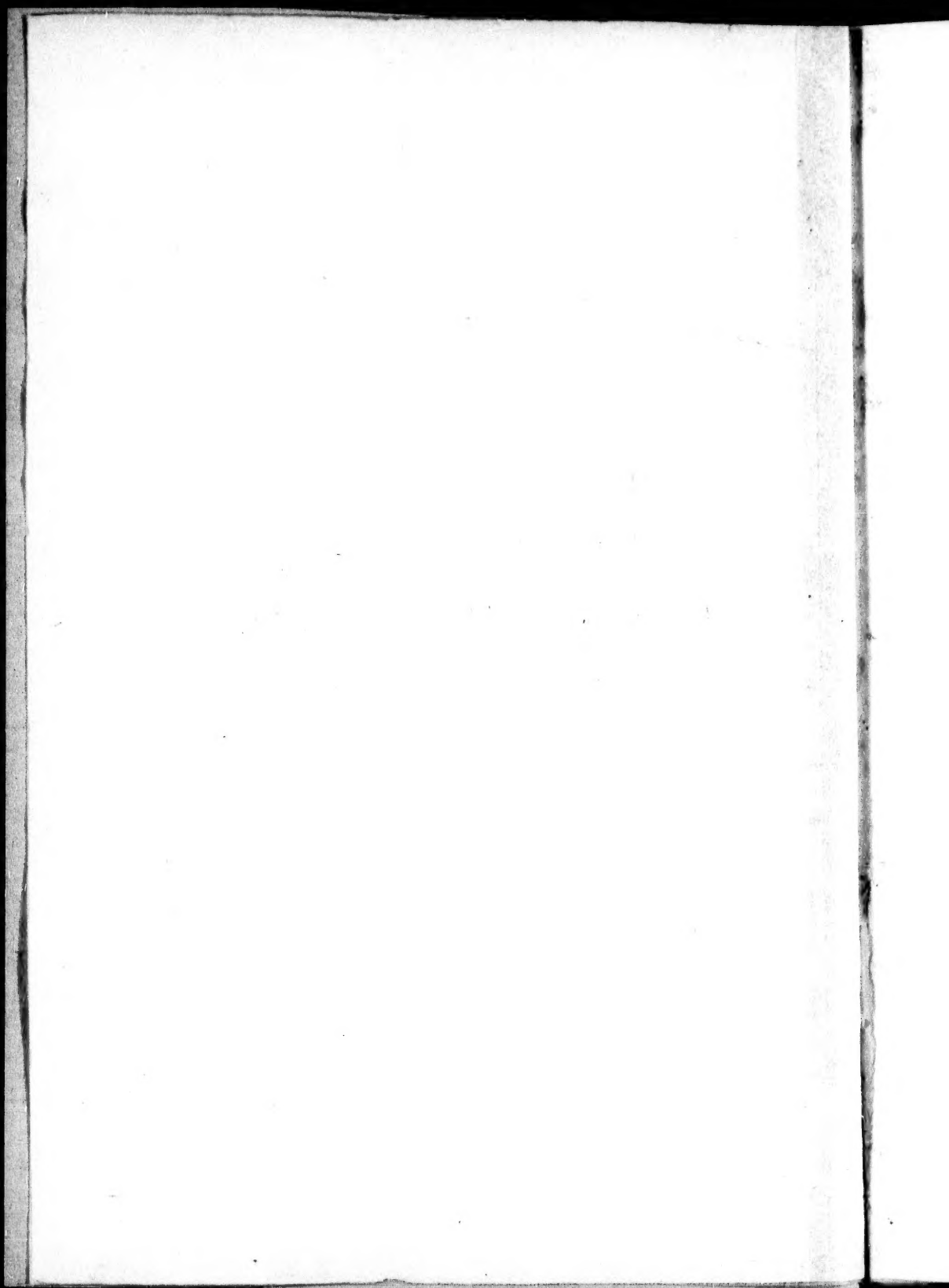




DR ROWE'S TESTIMONIALS.



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IN BEHALF OF

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ROYAL EDINBURGH ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE; LATE RESIDENT PHYSICIAN OF
DUNSTON LODGE ASYLUM, GATESHEAD-TYNE; AND LECTURER ON
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MEDICINE AND PRACTICAL SCIENCE;

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MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT

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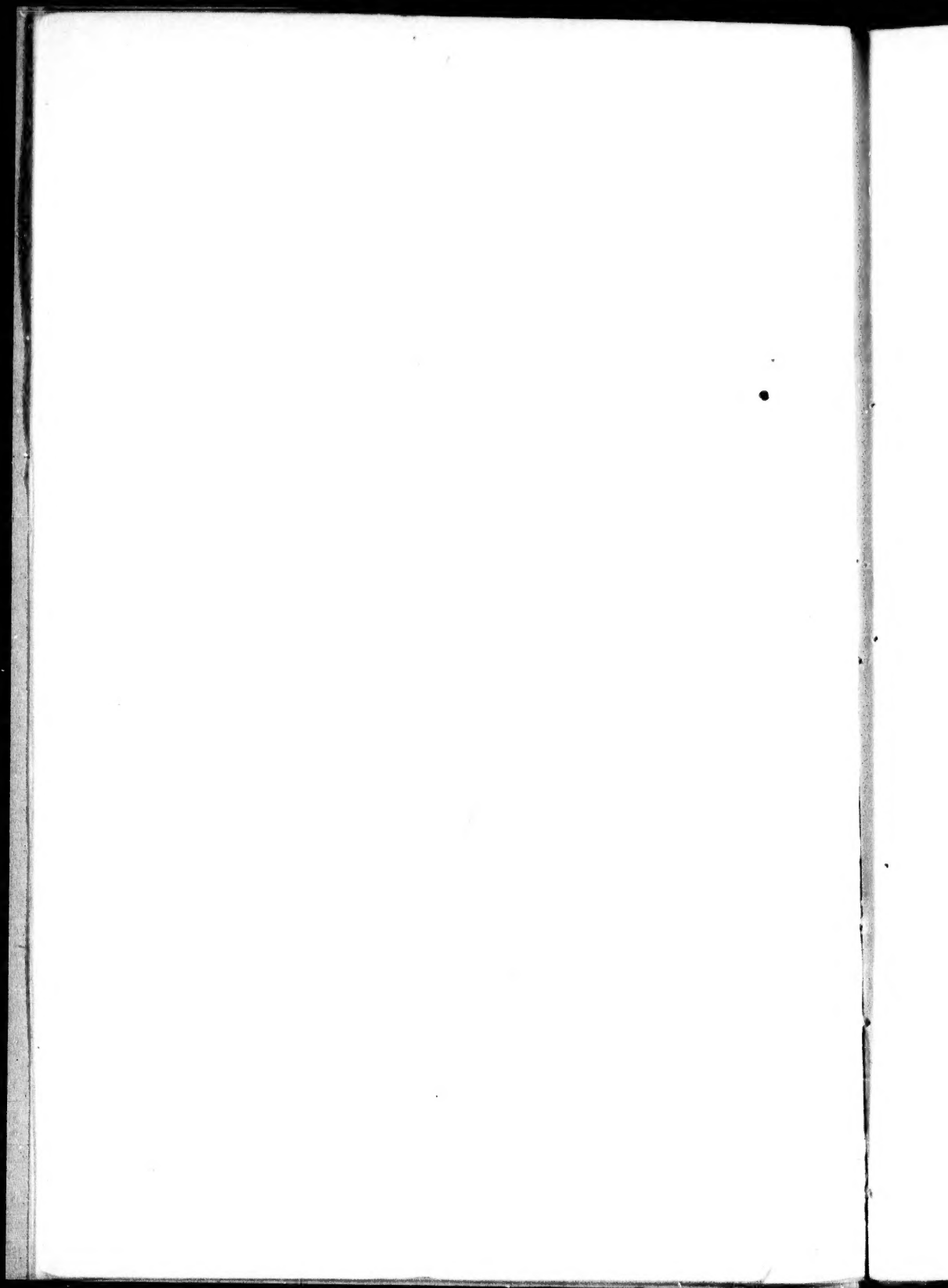
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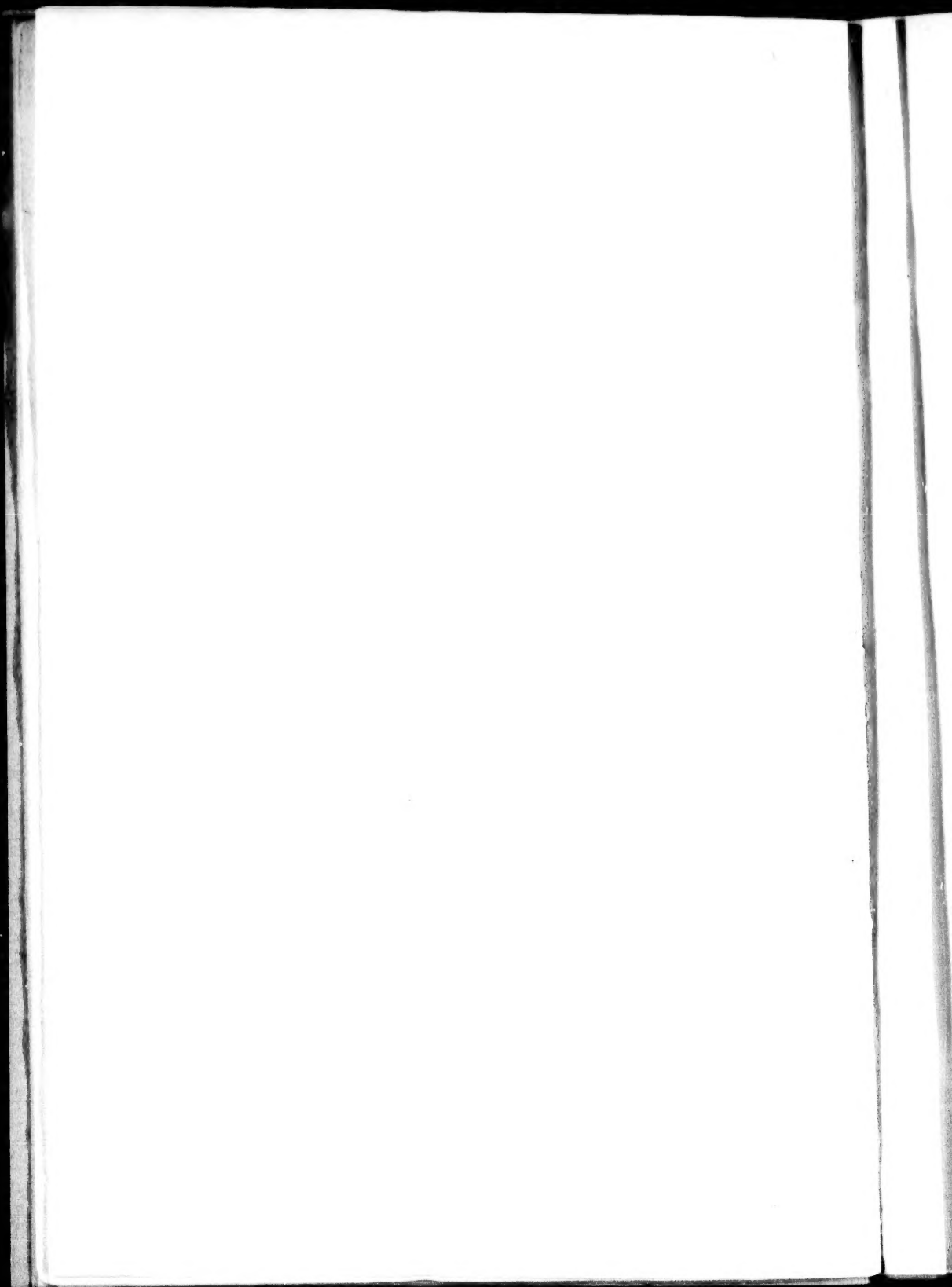


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TESTIMONIALS.

I.—From the VISITING COMMITTEE of MANAGERS of *the Royal Edinburgh Asylum for the Insane.*

EDINBURGH, November 25, 1852.

WE, the undersigned, Visiting Committee of Managers of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum, have much pleasure in stating, that, from our position, we have had frequent opportunities of witnessing the zeal and diligence with which Dr Rowe has performed the various duties incumbent on him, as one of the Assistant Physicians in that Asylum. We have always found him obliging, gentlemanly in his manners, enthusiastic in his regard for the welfare of the patients, and ever anxious to adopt, and carry into execution any suggestions which would tend to promote their well-being, comfort, and amusement. He is of an amiable disposition, good-tempered, kind, and forbearing. From the extensive opportunities he has enjoyed here,—as well as when Resident Physician to the Cumberland and Westmoreland Provisional County Asylum,—of studying the various forms and phases of Mental Diseases, with their appropriate treatment, and also of making himself acquainted with the general management and economy of a large Institution, we have no hesitation in expressing our conviction, that he is pre-eminently qualified to undertake the responsibilities and duties of the office for which he is now a candidate.

JOHN TAYLOR, M.D.,
F.R.C.P.

JAMES MORGAN,
SOLICITOR IN THE SUPREME COURTS OF SCOTLAND.

J. H. STOTT,
J. P. FOR CITY OF EDINBURGH.

II.—From the MEDICAL BOARD of the *Royal Edinburgh Asylum for the Insane*.*

ROYAL EDINBURGH ASYLUM FOR THE INSANE,
November 29, 1852.

WE, the undersigned, Members of the Medical Board of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum for the Insane, certify, that we believe Dr T. S. Rowe has discharged his duties at the Asylum in a most efficient manner, and that he is in every respect qualified to undertake the Medical Superintendence of any large Lunatic Asylum.

J. Y. SIMPSON.
W. P. ALISON.
JOHN SCOTT.
J. S. COMBE.

* The MEDICAL BOARD of the Asylum consists of the President of the Royal College of Physicians, the President of the Royal College of Surgeons, and Professor Alison and Dr John Scott, Physicians in Ordinary to the Queen for Scotland.

III.—From A. GILLESPIE, M.D., F.R.S.E., *Consulting Physician of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum for the Insane*.

30, YORK PLACE, Nov. 25, 1852.

DURING the last nine months Dr Rowe has been acting as one of the Assistant Physicians at the Royal Asylum, Morningside, and I have had during that period frequent opportunities of forming an estimate of his qualifications. I consider him from his firmness of character, affable manners, and business habits, not only perfectly competent, but peculiarly well qualified for undertaking the responsibilities of the office for which he is now a candidate, and should his application prove successful, I feel certain that he will discharge the manifold duties of the situation with satisfaction to the Managers, credit to himself, and the improvement and comfort of the unfortunate class of patients committed to his care.

A. GILLESPIE, M.D., F.R.S.,
CONSULTING PHYSICIAN, R. E. A.

IV.—From DAVID SKAE, M.D., F.R.C.S.E., *Resident Physician and Superintendent of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum for the Insane.*

ROYAL EDINBURGH ASYLUM,
November 25, 1852.

DR ROWE's qualifications for the office of Medical Superintendent of the County Lunatic Asylum, now in process of erection in Essex, are, in my opinion, of a very high order. He enjoyed in London and afterwards in Edinburgh, the most favourable and extended advantages for his medical education, which was therefore liberal, practical, and complete. From an early period of his studies, his predilections led him to devote especial attention to the study of Insanity, and to dedicate himself to this department of the profession. Of the mode in which he availed himself of his opportunities at Hanwell and elsewhere for prosecuting this branch of study, I believe ample evidence will be produced.

Dr Rowe was soon afterwards appointed Resident Medical Officer of the Provisional County Asylum for Cumberland and Westmoreland, where he had the care of 130 patients for a period of nearly two years. A vacancy having occurred in the Medical Staff here, by the appointment of Dr Grahamsley as Superintendent of the Worcester County Asylum, I at once endeavoured to secure the services of Dr Rowe, of whose merits and zeal in this department of medicine I had then heard. On his expressing his desire to avail himself of the extensive field of observation and experience afforded here, he was at once appointed to the vacant office, being recommended in the most flattering manner by the Proprietor, Consulting Medical Officers, and others connected with the Dunston Lodge Asylum.

Since Dr Rowe entered on office here, he has had all the advantages of experience which the House affords, having at one time had the medical care of the higher class patients (about 60 in number) at another of the male or female paupers, and for a short period the entire charge of the pauper department of the Institution, containing 500 patients of both sexes.

Dr Rowe has discharged his duties to my entire satisfaction, and that also, I believe, of every one connected with the Asylum. His

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whole time and energies have been unsparingly devoted to the patients, and the general well-being of the establishment. He possesses, in a remarkable combination, those qualities which are essential in the Physician-Superintendent of a Lunatic Asylum—a good physical development, very high intellectual and moral endowments, a gentlemanly and prepossessing address, great self-possession, tact and kindness of heart, an excellent temper, conjoined with very active and regular habits, and a taste for the systematic and orderly arrangement of his own duties, and those of others.

I have not met any one whom I could recommend with such entire confidence as Dr Rowe for the appointment which he now seeks. He is not only thoroughly qualified for the efficient Supervision and Medical charge of an Asylum in all its details, but he has both the ability and taste for the development of all those subsidiary means which of late years have been found so signally beneficial in the moral treatment of Insanity in the best-managed Asylums.

I ought to add, what will, I doubt not, be no small recommendation to those who seek an officer calculated to promote the best interests of humanity, by the advancement of scientific research, that Dr Rowe has displayed the greatest zeal in the study and prosecution of pathological inquiries, which, combined with his previous experience and success as a Lecturer on Anatomy, guarantee the expectation that he will contribute to the progress of our knowledge regarding the true pathology and treatment of Mental Disease.

DAVID SKAE, M.D.,
PHYSICIAN, R.E.A.

V.—From JAMES SHERLOCK, M.D., L.R.C.S.E., *Assistant Physician of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum for the Insane.*

Nov. 25, 1852.

I HAVE been acquainted with Dr Thomas S. Rowe for upwards of two years, and for the last nine months we have been associated as Assistant Physicians in this Asylum, so that daily opportunity of

judging of his fitness for such an appointment as that for which he is now a candidate has been afforded me.

Since his connection with this Establishment, he has had charge, at different periods, of the various departments of this Institution; and upon one occasion as many as 500 cases of both sexes were for several weeks under his sole Medical Superintendence.

Dr R. is possessed of great decision and firmness of purpose, combined with much amiability and kindness of disposition,—his moral character is unblemished. He is a close observer of facts and has a ready power of adopting measures for any emergency. He has read much, and is well versed in the subject which he has chosen for his field of practice, in which he is not a little assisted by a natural metaphysical cast of mind. He is most enthusiastic in his vocation, and inspired with an ardent desire of advancing every department of Psychological Medicine.

In the discharge of his duties, he has shewn unwearied zeal activity, and prudence, which were no less remarkable in the management of individual cases, than in the careful and comprehensive system of general discipline, and the judicious use of the various moral and physical agencies which are now brought to bear upon the inmates of all well regulated Asylums. I may add, that with the details of the internal economy of a large Asylum, he is perfectly conversant, and, that it would be difficult—if possible—to find one who possesses in a more eminent degree, the varied qualifications calculated to make an efficient and distinguished Physician-Superintendent for a Lunatic Asylum.

JAMES SHERLOCK, M.D.

VI.—From the REV. ROBERT LORIMER, *Chaplain to the Royal Edinburgh Asylum for the Insane.*

ROYAL EDINBURGH ASYLUM,
Nov. 24, 1852.

MY DEAR SIR,—It affords me much pleasure to comply with the request contained in your note of yesterday, which I duly received; and I trust you may succeed in your present application.

I have seen you very frequently during the time of your residence in the Morningside Institution, and I can bear unqualified testimony with respect to the correctness of your moral character, the propriety of your general conduct, and your regard to religious duties.

I consider your knowledge not only extensive, but practical; and the energy, skill, and perseverance which have already contributed so much to your success in the treatment of those committed to your care, fit you for any similar situation, even when the highest responsibility may devolve upon you.

Your friends will be most happy to recommend you, believing that you will continue to merit their approbation, by exerting yourself in every way to aid the efforts, and promote the welfare, of those among whom you may be placed.

ROBERT LORIMER,
CHAPLAIN.

DR ROWE.

VII.—From WILLIAM PULTENEY ALISON, M.D., D.C.L.
Oxon., F.R.S.E., *Fellow, and late President of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, Professor of the Practice of Medicine in the University of Edinburgh.*

EDINBURGH, Nov. 27, 1852.

ALTHOUGH I have had but little personal opportunity of judging of Dr Rowe's professional qualifications, I am aware of his ample education, and of the peculiar opportunities he has enjoyed of studying the cause and the treatment of Mental Diseases, and of the zeal with which he has devoted himself to these studies; and I have a confident expectation, that the very favourable anticipation of future eminence, contained in the testimonials of Dr Gillespie and Dr Skac, will be justified by his success in life.

W. P. ALISON, M.D.

VIII.—From J. Y. SIMPSON, M.D., F.R.S., *President of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, Professor of Midwifery in the University of Edinburgh, and one of the Medical Board of the Royal Edinburgh Asylum for the Insane, &c. &c.*

EDINBURGH, December 2, 1852.

I HAVE the pleasure of knowing Dr Rowe personally, and have repeatedly seen him and met him at the charge of cases of Insanity in the Morningside Asylum. He knows, I believe, his profession generally excellently well; and is a perfect master of that department of it to which he has more especially devoted his time and talents. His manners, character, and acquirements fit him admirably for the charge of an Asylum, and I sincerely believe any such Institution will be fortunate which secures his services.

J. Y. SIMPSON.

IX.—From JOHN MOIR, M.D., F.R.C.P., *Edinburgh.*

52, CASTLE STREET,
EDINBURGH, Nov. 25, 1852.

DR ROWE being a Candidate for the situation of Medical Officer to the Essex Lunatic Asylum, I have much pleasure in having it in my power to record my opinion as to his admirable fitness for it, or any similar appointment.

My opinion is based not only on personal observation, from having had opportunities of witnessing Dr Rowe's conduct towards the patients in the Asylum at Morningside, but still more from the report of some of my own patients, who had been for a time inmates there, and who all speak in the kindest way of his attention to, and treatment of them, while under his care.

Knowing these facts, and also that Dr Rowe has enjoyed many opportunities of experience in this branch of the profession, I feel

satisfied that, if elected, he will discharge his duties with satisfaction to the Directors, and very much also to the comfort and benefit of the patients.

JOHN MOIR.

X.—From GEORGE ROBINSON, M.D., *Consulting Physician to the Dunston Lodge and Bensham Lunatic Asylums, and Lecturer on the Practice of Medicine in the Newcastle-on-Tyne College of Medicine and Practical Science, &c.*

NEWCASTLE, Nov. 23, 1852.

HAVING had ample opportunities of observing Dr Rowe's skill in the management of the insane during his residence in Dunston Lodge, I can with pleasure bear testimony to his humanity, attention, and success, and to his consequent fitness for the responsible office of Medical Superintendent of a public Asylum.

GEORGE ROBINSON, M.D.

XI.—From JOHN ETRIDGE WILKINSON, Esq., *Proprietor and House-Superintendent of Dunston Lodge Asylum.*

DUNSTON LODGE PROVISIONAL ASYLUM FOR THE COUNTIES
OF CUMBERLAND AND WESTMORELAND,
November 30, 1852.

MY DEAR SIR,—Having for nearly two years daily witnessed your unremitting attention to all the patients under your care in this Asylum, I feel it as much a duty as it is a pleasure to state, that your conduct in every respect was, during that time, most satisfactory; and that your professional career, marked by that firmness and kindness so essentially necessary in the treatment of the Insane, has been most successful.

I can with much satisfaction state, that you are eminently qualified to undertake the government and supervision of an Establishment which has for its object the care and proper treatment of the Insane.

I am, my Dear Sir,

Faithfully your's,

JNO. ETRIDGE WILKINSON.

XII.—From WM. B. PAGE, Esq., *Surgeon to the Cumberland Infirmary, Visiting Surgeon to the Cumberland and Westmoreland Lunatic Asylum.*

CARLISLE, Nov. 30, 1852.

I HAVE much pleasure in expressing my opinion of the entire fitness of Dr Rowe for the office of Medical Superintendent of any great Lunatic Asylum.

For several years he has devoted himself to the study of Mental Disease, and his opportunities for observation have been considerable. During the time he held the office of Medical Superintendent of the Cumberland and Westmoreland Provisional Asylum, I had ample means of judging of his character, his acquirements, and his attention to the important duties which devolved upon him; and it is my belief that there are few men so well qualified, both mentally and morally, to have the Medical charge of an Asylum as Dr Rowe. Should the Magistrates of Essex appoint him, they will have not only a most efficient officer, but one who, I doubt not, will avail himself of the opportunities which their Asylum will afford to advance the knowledge of Psychology.

WM. B. PAGE,

SURGEON TO THE CUMBERLAND INFIRMARY, &c.

XIII.—From DANIEL BULMAN, M.D., *Senior Physician to the Newcastle-on-Tyne Infirmary, and Visiting Physician to the Dunston Asylum.*

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
Nov. 27, 1852.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th November, in which you request me to furnish you with a Testimonial as to your fitness for managing a County Asylum.

In reply, I have to state that I consider you in every respect qualified to do so, and I hope that you will be appointed to the Office for which you are a Candidate.

I remain, Dear Sir,

Your's most truly,

DANIEL BULMAN, M.D.

XIV.—From SIR JOHN FIFE, KNT., F.R.C.S., *Surgeon to the Infirmary, Lecturer on Surgery in the College of Medicine and Practical Science, Newcastle-on-Tyne, &c. &c.*

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE,
Nov. 27, 1852.

I HAVE known Dr Rowe some time, and have much satisfaction in any opportunity of giving my testimony, both to his attainments as a Physician, and his character as a gentleman.

JOHN FIFE, Knt.,
F.R.C.S., &c. &c.

XV.—From ROBERT M. GLOVER, M.D., F.R.S.E., *Lecturer on Medicine in the Newcastle-on-Tyne College of Medicine and Practical Science.*

NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE, Nov. 26, 1852.

I HEREBY certify, that I have known Dr T. S. Rowe both as Medical Attendant to a Lunatic Asylum, and as a Lecturer on Anatomy in the Newcastle-on-Tyne College of Medicine and Practical Science; and in both capacities I have formed the highest opinion of his qualifications. As a practitioner and a man of science, and as possessed of varied and extensive general attainments, as a man of humanity and a gentleman, I consider him in every respect highly qualified for the situation he is desirous of obtaining.

ROBERT M. GLOVER,
M.D., F.R.S.E.

XVI.—From JOHN B. BRAMWELL, M.D. Edin., M.R.C.S. Eng., *Lecturer on Medical Jurisprudence in the College of Practical Science, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Surgeon to the North Shields and Tynemouth Dispensary.*

NORTH SHIELDS, Nov. 29, 1852.

DR ROWE was for eighteen months Resident Medical Officer to the Dunston Lodge Lunatic Asylum, to which I am in the habit of recommending patients. During the time of Dr Rowe's residence there, I was acquainted with some of the cases under his care, and his treatment of them was such as to convince me of his high qualifications in that department of the profession to which he has devoted his attention from the commencement of his medical career.

His observations regarding the superintendence of the Asylum,

and the general comfort of the patients, assured me that the details of management have been carefully studied by him.

I have known him for some years, and can testify to his goodness of temper, urbanity of manner, and kindness of heart. Intellectually, he is highly endowed. I can sincerely recommend him as in every respect qualified to make a most efficient Medical Superintendent of a Lunatic Asylum.

JOHN B. BRAMWELL, M.D.,
M.R.C.S.E.

XVII.—From THOMAS N. MEGGISON, M.D., *Whickham,
near Gateshead-Tyne.*

WHICKHAM, Dec. 2, 1852.

DURING Dr Rowe's stay at Dunston Lodge, I had constant and ample opportunities of seeing his practice in the treatment of the Insane, and had every reason to be highly pleased with his firm but kind and considerate management of the patients under his charge, and I have much pleasure in adding my testimony as to his general fitness for the situation for which he is applying.

THOMAS N. MEGGISON, M.D.

XVIII.—From ROBERT DAVIS, M.D., *Surgeon to Wrekenton
Pauper Asylum, near Gateshead-Tyne.*

WREKENTON HOUSE,
Dec. 3, 1852.

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in complying with your request, to testify to the efficient state and general good management of Dunston Lodge Asylum, when you were Resident Medical

Officer to that Institution, and to the satisfactory results of your treatment of a large number of lunatics, as evinced by the Annual Report, and the estimation in which the Asylum is held by the Profession, and the neighbourhood in general.

ROBERT DAVIS.

XIX.—REPORT of the COMMISSIONERS in LUNACY upon
the Case Book of Dunston Lodge Asylum.

DUNSTON LODGE, May 10, 1851.

WE have perused several of the Cases recorded in this Book with much satisfaction. The symptoms are detailed with sufficient minuteness and accuracy, and are, on the whole, very creditable to the Medical Attendant.

J. R. HUME,	}	COMMISSIONERS IN LUNACY.
W. G. CAMPBELL,		

XX.—REPORT of the DURHAM MAGISTRATES upon the
Dunston Lodge Case Book.

DUNSTON LODGE, Dec. 23, 1851.

WE have much pleasure in noticing the admirable "Case Book" kept by Dr Rowe, the Medical Officer of the Asylum.

The entries are full and complete, and shew a desire on the part

of Dr Rowe to preserve an accurate scientific record of the cases which pass under his observation.

FRANCIS JAMES CROW,
VISITING JUSTICE.
DANIEL BULMAN, M.D.,
MEDICAL VISITER.

XXI.—Extract from LUNACY REPORT of *Cumberland and Westmoreland Magistrates in the Spring of 1851.*

"They have also to regret the retirement of Dr Rowe, in whom they had every reason to place confidence, and which has left the establishment at present without any resident Medical Officer."

XXII.—From JAMES GEORGE DAVEY, M.D., *formerly one of the Superintendents of Hanwell Asylum, late Physician to the Female Department of the new Asylum for the County of Middlesex, at Colney Hatch, near London.*

December 1, 1852.

FROM an acquaintance with Dr T. S. Rowe, I am enabled to state that I have every reason to believe him to be an accomplished and well informed member of the Medical profession. He has, to my knowledge, directed his especial attention to Psychological studies, and these, his practical experience of Insanity in its many and varied phases, must have greatly assisted.

J. G. DAVEY, M.D.

XXIII.—From **SIR ALEXANDER MORISON, M.D.**, *Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, London, late President of the Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, Physician to the Surrey County Lunatic Asylum, &c.*

26 CAVENDISH SQUARE,
LONDON, Nov. 25, 1852.

I HAVE known Dr Thomas Smith Rowe for a considerable number of years, as a gentleman devoted to the study of Mental Diseases; and from the extensive opportunities he has enjoyed of making himself acquainted with the nature and treatment of those diseases, I have no hesitation in giving my opinion, that he is particularly well qualified to undertake the management of an Asylum for the Insane.

ALEX. MORISON, M.D.

XXIV.—From **J. R. GRAHAMSLEY, M.D.**, *Resident Medical Superintendent of the County and City of Worcester Pauper Lunatic Asylum.*

To the Committee of Visitors, County Asylum, Essex.

POWICK, NEAR WORCESTER,
Dec. 7, 1852.

From my acquaintance with Dr Rowe, and personal knowledge of the very extensive and favourable opportunities he has enjoyed, and the zeal and activity he has displayed, and from his high moral and intellectual endowments, I feel the utmost confidence in expressing my conviction that he is peculiarly well qualified for the appointment of Resident Medical Superintendent of the Essex County Lunatic Asylum.

J. R. GRAHAMSLEY, M.D.,
RESIDENT MEDICAL SUPERINTENDENT.

XXV.—From C. BLAND RADCLIFFE, M.D., L.R.C.P.,
London.

4 HENRIETTA STREET, CAVENDISH SQUARE,
LONDON, December 7, 1852.

GENTLEMEN,—I have known Dr Rowe for several years, and have had constant opportunities of ascertaining him to be a Physician of no ordinary acquirements—thoroughly versed in professional lore, deeply endowed with independent and original thought, and doubly gifted with energy and gentlemanliness. I cannot speak too warmly of his *general* qualifications, and of his peculiar fitness for the treatment of Insanity. I can bear the indirect testimony that I have heard his praises from the lips of more than one man of high reputation in that department of Medicine.

C. BLAND RADCLIFFE, M.D.,
L.R.C.P.L.

*To the Committee of Magistrates
of the Essex County Lunatic Asylum.*

XXVI.—CERTIFICATE of attendance on the CLINICAL
VISITS and LECTURES at *Hanwell Asylum.*

MIDDLESEX LUNATIC ASYLUM,
HANWELL, Oct. 29, 1849.

MR T. S. ROWE attended the Clinical Visits and Lectures at this Asylum in the spring of the present year; and I had an opportunity of observing that he was a very diligent, as well as intelligent, observer; and that he felt a more than common interest in the general management of the Insane, and in the various forms of Mental Malady presented to his attention in this large Institution.

JOHN CONOLLY, M.D.

XXVII.—From JOHN CONOLLY, M.D. Edin., D.C.L. Oxon.,
Consulting Physician to the Hanwell Asylum.

To the Committee of Magistrates of the Essex County Lunatic Asylum.

LAWN HOUSE, HANWELL,
 Nov. 27, 1852.

GENTLEMEN,—I have been acquainted with Dr Rowe for several years ; knowing him first as a most diligent and attentive student during the Clinical Course of Visits and Lectures at the Hanwell Asylum ; and subsequently when fulfilling responsible and important duties in an Asylum in the North of England, and as Assistant Physician to the Royal Edinburgh Asylum at Morningside.

From the Institutions referred to, Dr Rowe will receive, or has received, I doubt not, unexceptionable Testimonials, and to these I beg permission to add mine in his favour.

Dr Rowe has always appeared to me to be particularly qualified by his kind and cheerful disposition, and by his evident fondness for the department of Medicine which relates to the Insane, to become a valuable Superintendent of an Asylum. The excellent professional education which he has received, and the very great attention he has paid to the subject of Mental Disorders, and to the general management of them in Asylums, leave no doubt as to his possessing the mental qualities of a Superintending Physician to an Asylum ; and as he now has had far more experience than is usually enjoyed by young medical men in the actual duties of large Asylums, I feel strongly assured that if you honour him with your confidence, your Asylum will, under his direction, take the high character which you desire for it, and which I sincerely hope it will acquire.

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